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REPORT.

Receipts into the Treasury.

Cash in hands of I. P. Berry, Treasurer, for '82, Mar. 1, 1883	$1912 55
Rec'd of C. H. Berry, Collector, for 1882	718 00
" " " "	552 00
" " " "	1274 49
" " " "	33 00
" " " "	97 00
" " " "	95 00
" " " "	144 00
" " " "	167 00
" " " "	255 58
J Y Berry note and interest	105 10
State Treas. bounty on crows	14 30
Horace P Boodey, Collector for 1883	350 00
" " " "	510 62
" " " "	1050 00
" " " "	600 00
" " " "	1065 03
" " " "	1134 81
" " " "	621 00
" " " "	850 00
" " " "	2114 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

Rec'd of State Treasurer Rail Road Tax	38 23
" Savings Bank "	299 22
" Literary Fund	82 62
Eben E Berry for deed of Marsh lot	9 00
County of Strafford	268 61
Jerome B Witham Land redeemed	27 78
Lewis R Sumner note and interest	14 45
	$14403 39

Paid for Schools.

Paid Dist. No. 1	$49 44
2	53 21
3	62 81
4	37 53
5	126 40
6	70 93
7	63 67
8	33 79
9	63 28
10	74 89
11	40 70
13	60 70
	$737 35

State and County Tax.

Paid State Tax	$560 00
County Tax	658 39

School-House Tax.

Paid School House Tax Dist No 5	$100 00

Pauper Bills.

Paid William H Pinkham Board of Eunice Horne to March 24 1883	$52 00
P H Wheeler Med. aid to Hannah York	4 00
" " " " Robert Meeker	1 25
Jared P Tibbetts Coffin, Box and Robe for Mrs Wm B Tuttle	13 50
Rev David L Edgerly Services at funeral of Mrs Wm B Tuttle	2 00
Mrs Stephen Tuttle Funeral expenses of Mrs Wm B Tuttle	2 00
Havilah Chesley Digging grave of Mrs Wm B Tuttle	2 00
John W Towle Services at death of Mrs Wm B Tuttle	3 25
P H Wheeler Med. aid to Mrs Charlotte Crockett	3 00
Levi L Pinkham shoes for Martha Dodge	1 75
Dwight E Edgerly Goods for "	3 32
George F Jones Goods del'd to Wm Pinkham	3 27
" " " " Wm B Tuttle	1 27
" " " " Hannah York	2 62
Wm A Towle " " Wm B Tuttle	2 78
P H Wheeler Med. aid to Hannah York	4 50
D T Parker " Joseph Tebbetts	78 35
" " " Mrs Wm Pinkham	9 50
R B Foss " Wm H Ham	14 50
John Edgerly Board of Mary Edgerly from Mar 1 '83 to Mar 1 '84	52 00
Jerome B Witham Boarding and Nursing Joseph Tebbetts to Feb 26 '84	65 00
	$321 86
Rec'd from the County	268 61
Cost of Town Poor	$53 25

Repairs on Town House

Paid Hersey Oloutman Labor	$11 25
Asa A Hall Clapboards	47 02
E T Willson Nails &c	2 52
John Berry Labor	10 50
Charles M Adams Labor	7 00
E T Willson Paint and Oil	26 26
Zanello D Berry	12 25
	$116 80

Notes and Interest.

Paid Farzina Hurd	$317 21
Serena O Berry	50 00
Georgia O Berry	30 00
George H Jones	22 28
John Burley	70 00
Serena O Berry	587 04
Georgia O Berry	423 37
John Burley	125 00
" "	150 00
Abigail Y Chamberlin	333 65
Augusta J Chamberlin	696 47
Samuel F Chamberlin	51 21
Horatio G Chamberlin	107 98
Ruth E Burnham	298 48
Daniel Chamberlin	400 00
John Burley	1177 30
Viola A Libbey	120 80
George D Chamberlin	409 20
Ira O Ricker	128 45
Thomas Brackett	277 58
Azariah Brackett	281 93
Joseph Brackett	326 06
Mary E Brackett	326 06
	$6710 07

Abatements.

Paid Samuel Langley		$1 00
Orrin E Tebbetts		3 75
William A Towle		1 00
Samuel P Knowles		2 00
William B Tuttle		2 00
George W Fletcher		2 87
Joseph Y Berry		4 25
Charles Brooks		3 75
Daniel Burnham		1 25
Leslie W Ricker		1 00
Enoch Durgin	1876	11 95
" "	'77	56 00
" "	'78	32 05
George N Perkins		1 00
William S Randall	'80	7 38
John W Arlin		3 75
Charles Crockett		30
Betsey & Eunice Mitchell		3 75
John Ayers		5 63
George H Ames	'82	3 85
George F Carpenter	"	4 86
Charles M Perkins	"	50
Thomas S Sargent	"	3 85
Calvin R Weymouth	"	3 85
Frank W Woodman	"	3 85
A J Wentworth	"	3 85
		$169 29

Highways and Bridges.

Paid Eugene Dore	$5 10
John W Towle	4 00
James A Miller	10 00
John Edgerly	119 05
Reuel W Willey	10 50

Paid Andrew Varney	80
Andrew Randall	4 20
Nehemiah Durgin	1 95
Anderson, Cochrane & Co. Plank	26 27
Thomas H Canney	1 65
" "	9 83
Horatio G Chamberlin	6 31
Augustus J Chamberlin	4 90
Charles H Willey	54
Wendell S Gray	34
Summer Highway taxes worked	1438 78
	$1644 22

Breaking Roads:

Paid Caleb R Runnals	$6 35
Paul M Runnals	3 38
John W Willey	3 10
William H Yeaton	24 00
Bartholomew Willey	1 25
Samuel Langley	29 25
George N Perkins	11 25
Frank P Perkins	4 75
Ezra H Evans	5 41
James Durgin	19 00
Enoch Durgin	15 00
I P Berry	3 05
Willis E Berry	5 00
George B French	12 99
John W Towle	5 08
Nehemiah J Sampson	10 00
Ivory P Sampson	14 63
Alonzo G Rines	15 60
William T Rines	11 38
Charles H Rines	12 69
Levi F French	9 00

Paid Frederick A York		3 60
Moses H Chesley		10 10
Stephen J. Deland		5 81
Alfred L Kent		1 25
Enos G Rollins		3 88
Joseph Brummitt		15 28
Daniel Lucas		21 50
" "		5 40
Charles Brooks	'81 & '82	21 00
George Gingras		9 12
George H Manson		5 00
Horace P Boodey		14 18
Henry E Chamberlin		34 67
Trueworthy D Chamberlin		5 00
Ira C Chamberlin		8 96
Charles Colomy		87
Susan Horne		6 27
William H Pinkham		4 25
George M Wallace		37
Samuel Langley		9 87
" "		38 68
Clarissa J Ellis		1 50
I P Berry		5 40
Zanello D Berry		5 91
Russell R Miller		14 73
Stephen Willey		13 38
James A Miller		6 80
Joseph F Glidden		12 75
George Z Glidden		4 50
George I Willey		11 67
Thomas Varney		3 33
Thomas & Azariah Brackett		16 70
Walter G Smellie		2 56
John Edgerly		9 25
Orrin E Tebbetts		1 98
John D Perkins		13 00
Samuel Mitchell		5 00

Paid Robert W Corson	5 37
Benjamin C Perkins	43 84
Benjamin F Perkins	42 30
Reuel W Willey	8 81
Orrin B Coburn	6 00
George A Corson	2 06
Jonas Chamberlin	12 35
Penuel C Ham	4 98
John S Chamberlin	2 40
Ira Rand	44
John F Tash	15 31
Justin Dore	2 13
Joseph C Davis	7 35
John Davis	6 56
John B Davis	14 50
Eugene Dore	10 00
Thomas N Davis	6 50
Eben E Berry	25 15
Moses L Wentworth	20 63
Thomas Langley	19 19
Charles Bickford	6 87
John Shirley	5 03
Edwin H Flint	2 71
Cyrus C Rollins	2 70
Ira S Ricker	4 00
William A Towle	5 50
Joseph Brackett	1 57
Jerome B Witham	3 80
Andrew D Randall	12 78
William W Pinkham	2 45
Kingman Pinkham	3 02
William S Sumner	6 05
Caleb R Runnals	2 50
Lewis R Sumner	75
Charles H Berry	9 25
Howard S Jones	8 50
Silas Dame	5 13

Paid Ezekiel R Jones	5 15
Dana P Jones	8 87
Horne Twombly	8 75
Ephraim K Roberts	7 50
Heirs of E Stanton	95
Isaac C Libbey	1 06
Joseph M Boodey	1 63
Edgar F Wallace	3 86
Furber Young	8 65
A J Wentworth	15 22
William P Jenkins	19 00
Thomas H Canney	22 08
George W Reed	33 07
Isaac C Libbey	10 15
Samuel F Evans	6 04
Joseph T Libbey	21 39
Solomon F Gray	8 66
Wendall S Gray	1 63
William M Harmon	88
Charles H Willey	1 56
Charles H Babb	44
Augustus J Chamberlin	25 72
Horatio G Chamberlin	24 36
Charles Brooks	19 16
Joseph Y Berry	38 95
Lydia M Colbath	3 43
	$1212 32

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid Eben E. Berry S. S. Committee	45 00
George F. Jones Town Clerk	35 00
James A. Miller Services as Selectman 60 days	90 00
" " Preparing and distributing blank inventories	4 50

Paid James A. Miller Looking over Benj. Chesley land and route for new road by petition of J N Palmer and others	3 00
" " Recording invoice	5 00
" " " " in School dist. No. 5	1 00
Zanello D Berry Services as Selectman 53 days	79 50
" " Preparing and distributing blank inventories	4 50
" " Collecting J. Y. Berry note, looking over Benj. Chesley land and route for new road by petition of J. N. Palmer and others	5 00
Dana P. Jones Services as Selectman 38 days	57 00
" " Preparing and distributing blank inventories	3 00
" " Making orders when not at Town House	1 50
Zanello D Berry Services as Overseer of Poor	30 00
" " Car fare and expenses to Dover 2 days	3 50
Ichabod P. Berry Services as Town Treasurer	35 00
" " Paying State and County tax and paying town notes	12 00
	$414 50

Coburn Law Suit.

Paid George W Fernald for plan of road and attendance at court	13 50
John B Davis Witness Fees	5 14
John Davis " "	5 14
James A Lowell " "	5 50.
John M Perkins " "	5 50
Joseph P Brooks " "	3 77
George W Fletcher " "	4 66
Charles Richardson " "	3 41

Paid Rufus K Pearl	witness fees	3 41
Charles G Drew	" "	4 25
H R Parker M D	" "	20 00
M C Lathrop M D	" "	20 00
Henry B Miller	" "	3 41
Charles W Wiggin	" "	3 41
Charles B. Davis	" "	3 41
John Willey	" "	1 25
John Kivel	Counsel "	40 00
Sanborn & Cochrane	" "	232 20
E F Cloutman	Commissioner "	3 39
James A Miller	Services 11½ days	17 25
" "	Car fare horse hire and expenses out of town	12 55
Zanello D Berry	Services 12 days	18 00
" "	Car fare horse hire and expenses out of town	19 35
Dana P Jones	Services 5 days	7 50
" "	Car fare horse hire and expenses out of town	7 68
Costs total		$463 68
Costs collectable from Coburn		79 84
Actual cost to town		$383 84

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid J. S. Neal & FurberYoung Auditors for 1882	$3 00
Paul M Runnels Police services March 1883	2 00
E J Lane & Co. Stationery	11 98
J E Fernald & Son Printing Town Accounts for 1882	26 40
Charles Crockett Fitting wood for Town House	1 50
I P Berry Wood for Town House	2 00
P H Wheeler Record of births and deaths	75
George M Gear searching records in case of Geo. Gingras	50

Paid Hiram Barker Damage to self and team on Highway	30 00
William H Pinkham Watering Place	3 00
Charles F Towle Police Services March 1883	2 00
Frank S Tompkins Recording Deeds	4 00
Horace P Boodey New Durham Tax	75
George F Jones Stationery and Postage for Clerk	5 05
Jerome B Witham Damages to Horse Wagon 1882	2 50
D T Parker Record of births and deaths	1 25
Ira S Ricker Services as supervisor 1883	6 00
" " Check list blank	1 00
" " Pay for recordingg Deed	70
" " Deed of S A Edgerly land	15 10
" " " " Copp Lot	6 45
James A Miller Car fare horse hire, postage and expenses when out of town	10 50
Ira S Ricker Deed of J B Witham land	25 69
James A Miller Bounties paid on crows	10 20
Zanello D Berry Car fare horse hire postage and expenses when out of town	6 50
Dana P Jones Horse hire	3 00
	$181 82

Recapitulation.

Paid for Schools	$737 35
" State Tax	560 00
" County Tax	658 39
" School House Tax Dist. No. 5	100 00
" Paupers	321 86
" Repairs on Town House	116 80
" Notes and Interest	6710 07
" Abatements	169 29
" Highways and Bridges	1644 22
" Breaking Roads	1212 32

Paid " Town Officers Bills	414 50
" Coburn Law Suit	463 68
" Miscellaneous	131 82
	$13290 30
Amount of Receipts	$14403 39
" Paid out	13290 30
" In hands of Treasurer	$1113 09

Assets.

Balance in hands of Treasurer	$1113 09
B. A. Horn Lot	133 00
P C Ham Coll. for 1868 & '69	367 76
Collectors Deeds	21 55
C H Berry Coll. for 1882	1118 37
H P Boody " " 1883	2163 63
Costs due the Town in Coburn case	79 84
	$4997 24
Liabilities of the Town	$3947 47
Outstanding bills by estimation	200 00
	$4147 47
Assets of the town March 1, 1884	$4997 24
Liabilities " " " 1 1884	4147 47
Balance due the town " 1 1884	$849 77

JAMES A. MILLER,
ZANELLO D. BERRY,
DANA P. JONES. } Selectmen of New Durham.

ICHABOD P. BERRY, Treasurer.

We the undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

IRA S. RICKER,
FURBER YOUNG. } Auditors.

March 1st, 1884.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Gentlemen:—It is with the greatest pleasure that we lay before you so favorable a statement of the financial standing of our town March 1, 1884, after successfully defending a law-suit and completing the repairs on the town house. While we have but little information to present which has not come to the personal observation of many of our citizens, whose attention from personal interest has been directed to the affairs of the town, yet it is proper that the people in general should be furnished with a statement of what has been accomplished by those having the immediate charge. You will see from the report of last year that the liabilities of the town March 1, 1883, were $10,473.52, leaving an indebtedness, after deducting the assets, of $3,482.84. The present liabiities are $1,147.57, and the amounts reported as assets in the hands of the treasurer and due from the collectors will clear this debt and leave a balance of $297.57 in the treasury. But for the large road bills and the cost of the law suit there would have been a much larger balance due in favor of the town. And notwithstanding these extra expenses incurred, the yearly cost of conducting the affairs of the town continues to decrease, and we see no reason why it should not be comparatively smaller in years to come.

In regard to the case of Coburn against the town we will give you the facts substantially as they appeared to us. We first learned of the accident and of Coburn's claim by his letter dated April 19, 1883, in which he claimed that his horse was injured on the Valley road, near Nancy's

crossing, on the fourteenth of April, and unless the horse recovered its usefulness he should try to collect damages. We heard no more until May 19, when he came to the town house to see us, and by his request we went to see the horse, which he thought was then improving. We agreed with him that we would look the matter up, and if we found the town liable, would pay him what was right if the horse did not recover. We heard no more from him until about three months later, when we received a postal from his attorney, and on consulting him we first learned that Coburn claimed damages to himself to the amount of $10,000, which we refused to pay, for the reason that we had made inquiries in relation to the case and had become convinced that the town was not at fault. Consequently we were notified to appear at court in September on petition of Coburn for the right to file his claim, which was granted him, and his claim was accordingly filed. The case was tried at the last term of court and was given in favor of the town. Although our town has been engaged in many suits at law this is the first in which it has come out victorious, and we believe the decision to be just. Coburn's counsel moved in court that the verdict be set aside, but the Judge after due consideration refused to grant it. Finally, not satisfied with being fairly and justly beaten, they have taken a new course in which we think they can but ultimately fail.

We have completed the repairs on the town house at a comparatively small expense, the whole cost from the beginning amounting to only $316.80. Thus we have not only preserved a building that will be useful to the town for many years to come, unless, since the town can boast of its freedom from debt, the number of inhabitants should increase so it may become necessary to furnish larger accommodations, but also one that is of great historical interest, since it is the first Free Will Baptist church ever erected. And, fellow-citizens, we are pleased to say that the day has passed when New Durham will be borne down

by taxation, but we shall now be recognized as a prosperous community, and we feel to join in the chorus and shout since our town is again free, and we hope that neither ourselves or anybody else will ever see it involved again. We can now offer a word of sympathy to our sister towns in their years of affliction, hoping that ere long they may be able to boast of the same freedom.

Hoping we have served you faithfully and impartially, which we have endeavored to do, we respectfully submit the foregoing,

James A. Miller,
Zanello D. Berry,
Dana P. Jones,
} Selectmen of New Durham.